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Case 2:10-cv-10978-PJD-MJH

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IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ANTIGUA,
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, a foreign corporation,

Plaintiff,

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CASE No.: 2:10-cv-10978-PJD-MJH

STEVEN WOODWARD,

Defendant,

Request for Leave of Absents and Notification

Dear Honorable Judge Duggan,

I have come back to Michigan, from abroad, for my defense at great cost to myself and my family.

I would like to request a leave of absence from any court proceedings between the dates April 19th, 2010 until at least June 30th, 2010.

I am currently pursuing a career as a ship engineer and have an opportunity to gain valuable experience and time at sea on-board the M/Y Passion.

This will be the first time in nearly 16 months that I've had employment lasting continually for this duration.

Please see attached letter of intent for employment from Captain Colin Richardson and ship documentation "Certificate of British Registry".

I included an email I received from the United Kingdom, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, MCA demonstrating my pursuit in this career.

I do not have a reliable permanent mailing address or telephone number of my own, for I have become transient.

I use my sister's mailing address for communications.

7211 Brittwood Lane

Flint, Mich 48507

If possible, I beg the court to notify me of any communications concerning this case via email.

Email Address: Steve L. woodward@yahoo.com

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Woodward", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven Lee Woodward

Passion



Passion Yachting
PO Box 709 GT
Cayman Islands
British West Indies

Date: 30 March 2010

To whom it may concern,

This letter serves to confirm that Mr Steven Lee Woodward is joining the Motor Yacht PASSION as a 3rd engineer for our transatlantic trip which will commence on April 27 from St Thomas, USVI to Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

The trip should take around 18 days and we would like to employ Mr Woodward for a few days prior to our departure and then a further 6 weeks upon our arrival to assist us with routine maintenance. With this in mind I expect to be able to offer Mr Woodward employment from April 20th up until June 30th.

Should you require any further information please contact using the below details.

Yours sincerely,


Colin Richardson
Captain
M.Y. Passion
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+1 954 224 0099
captain@yachtpassion.net
www.yachtpassion.net





CERTIFICATE OF BRITISH REGISTRY

PARTICULARS OF SHIP

NAME OF SHIP	NUMBER, YEAR AND PORT OF REGISTRY	OFFICIAL NUMBER
PASSION	072 IN 2003, GEORGE TOWN	717261
NAME & ADDRESS OF BUILDERS	TYPE OF SHIP	SIGNAL LETTERS
AB NYA OSKARSHAMNS VARV OSKARSHAMN SWEDEN	COMMERCIAL VESSEL	ZHBM5
	MATERIAL USED TO CONSTRUCT HULL	IMO NUMBER (IF ANY)
NUMBER, YEAR AND PORT OF PREVIOUS REGISTRY (IF ANY)	STEEL	8975952
EX: NO. 216 IN 1989, LONDON PREVIOUSLY "DESTINY LANGKAWI" 13 IN 1993, GEORGE TOWN	DATE KEEL LAID	DATE MEASURED
	1987	APRIL 1989

PRINCIPAL DIMENSIONS

TONNAGE

LENGTH (m)	47.62	THE TONNAGE(S) OF THIS SHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH HER INTERNATIONAL TONNAGE CERTIFICATE (1969) ARE:	
BREADTH (m)	9.06		
MOULDED DEPTH (m)	5.22	GROSS TONNAGE:	710
MOULDED DRAUGHT (m)	3.92	NET TONNAGE:	212
OVERALL LENGTH (m)		<i>For ships under 24 metres length, the tonnage is the gross tonnage and net tonnage</i>	

PARTICULARS OF ACCOMMODATION

NUMBER OF SEAMEN (INCLUDING APPRENTICES) FOR WHOM ACCOMMODATION IS PROVIDED:	14
NUMBER OF PASSENGERS FOR WHOM ACCOMMODATION IS PROVIDED:	12

ENGINE AND BOILER PARTICULARS


DESCRIPTION OF ENGINES	NAME & ADDRESS OF ENGINE MAKERS	ENGINE DETAILS	
INTERNAL COMBUSTION	CATERPILLAR ENGINE DIVISION MOSVILLE, ILLINOIS U. S. A.	NO. OF SETS:	TWO
		NO. OF SHAFTS:	TWO
		WHEN MADE:	2003
NUMBER OF CYLINDERS IN EACH SET	DIAMETER OF CYLINDERS (mm)	LENGTH OF STROKE (mm)	
SIXTEEN	170 MM	190 MM	
DESCRIPTION OF BOILERS	NAME & ADDRESS OF BOILER MAKERS	BOILER DETAILS	
		NUMBER:	
		WORKING PRESSURE:	
		WHEN MADE:	

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS

ESTIMATED BRAKE POWER (kW)	ESTIMATED SPEED OF SHIP (knots)	METHOD OF PROPULSION
2550	16 KNOTS	MOTOR SHIP TWIN SCREW

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER

NUMBER OF SIXTY-FOUR SHARES

PASSION YACHTING P.O. BOX 709, 4TH FLOOR, ZEPHYR HOUSE MARY STREET GEORGE TOWN GRAND CAYMAN	64 SHARES
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPPING REGISTRY </div> <div style="text-align: right;">  REGISTRAR OF BRITISH SHIPS </div> </div>	
DATED AT GEORGE TOWN, CAYMAN ISLANDS ON 6 NOVEMBER 2007.	

NOTICE: A Certificate of Registry is not a document of Title. It does not necessarily contain notice of all changes of ownership, and in no case does it contain an official record of any mortgages affecting the ship. In case of any change of ownership it is important for the protection of the interests of all parties that the change should be registered according to law. Changes of ownership, address or other registered particulars should be notified to the Registrar at the Port of Registry. Should the Vessel be lost, broken up, or cease to be entitled to be registered in the Cayman Islands, notice thereof, together with the Certificate of Registry, if in existence, should within 30 days be given to the Registrar of Shipping at George Town in the Cayman Islands under a penalty for default.

From: Engineering Correspondence <Engineering.Correspondence@mcga.gov.uk>
To: Steve Woodward <steve_l_woodward@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon, November 23, 2009 7:46:10 AM
Subject: Re: Y4 Engineer Career Path

Dear Mr Woodward

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding UK qualifications in the yachting industry. To begin training or to have your current qualifications and certificates recognised towards a yachting CoC, it is advisable that you first apply to us for a Letter of Initial Assessment with your current qualifications and certificates. These will then be assessed on an individual basis by an engineering examiner and a letter will be issued to inform you if you are eligible to gain a Yacht CoC, which CoC you are eligible for and the requirements to gain the CoC.

I have attached a copy of the form for you to fill in. If you require any further guidance, please refer to MGN 156, a copy of which I have also attached. Please note that you must enclose the following original documents with your application:

1. Completed Application form
2. STCW '95 Basic Safety Training Course Certificates
 - Personal Survival Techniques (STCW Code A-VI/1-1)
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (STCW Code A-VI/1-2)
 - Elementary First Aid (STCW Code A-VI/1-3)
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (STCW Code A-VI/1-4)
3. Discharge Book or Certificates of Discharge or Logbook
4. Sea Service Testimonials.
5. Declaration from employer stating relevant experience
6. Apprenticeship Papers

If you have completed an apprenticeship, it is possible that this may gain you exemptions, however, this is not a guarantee. Please note that if you wish to apply through the apprenticeship route as well as the yacht route, you will need to contact your national maritime administration to have your apprenticeship assessed and deemed as acceptable for entry to the Merchant Navy. For more information, please refer to the Newsroom press release (Press Notice No. 348/01) dated Monday 29 October 2001, as found on our website www.mcga.gov.uk. A copy of the guidance note MGN 156 is also available to download from our website, it is advisable that you read this guidance note.
7. Academic Achievement Certificates
8. Relevant Specialist Training Courses
9. The fee of £57.00 (deductible from subsequent application fee), made payable to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. Payments can be made by cheque/banker's draft/Cash Card/Postal Order. Please refer to Section 7

of the application form.

When the correct documents are submitted, your application will be individually assessed by an Engineering Examiner, and you will be informed of your eligibility towards gaining your Certificate of Competency. Please allow for up to four weeks for this process. I hope this answers your question. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Miss Caron White

Engineering Department
Seafarer Training & Certification Branch

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